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DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Governor's Committee on Employment
of People with Disabilities

February 2, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities strongly supports HB 89. This legislation will bring state statute into compliance with federal law. It will also eliminate the need to change state statute every time federal law changes. This committee will also function as the assistive technology advisory council as required under federal law.

We support the name change of the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities to the State Vocational Rehabilitation Committee. Since this committee provides oversight to the Vocational Rehabilitation program, the name will clearly align it with the State of Alaska, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division Vocational Rehabilitation. The name change will also reduce the on-going confusion between this committee and the Governor's Council on Disability and Special Education.

Thank you for considering HB 89. It is important that this committee is compliant with federal law to ensure continued funding which is critical to assist Alaskans with disabilities to become employed and have access to appropriate assistive technology services and devices. Please contact us if we can be of any assistance or provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



Ron Boynton
Chairperson
GCEPD



SARAH PALIN, GOVERNOR
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GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

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February 3, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education strongly supports HB 89 and SB 83 to change the name of the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities to the State Vocational Rehabilitation Committee. Since this committee provides oversight to the Vocational Rehabilitation program, the name change will clearly align it with the State of Alaska, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division Vocational Rehabilitation. The name change will also reduce the on-going confusion between this committee and our Council.

This legislation will bring state statute into compliance with federal law and ensure continued funding, which is critical to assist Alaskans with disabilities to become employed and have access to appropriate assistive technology services and devices. It will also eliminate the need to change state statute every time federal law changes.

Thank you for considering HB 89 and SB 83. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance or provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Millie Ryan".

Millie Ryan
Executive Director

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January 26, 2009

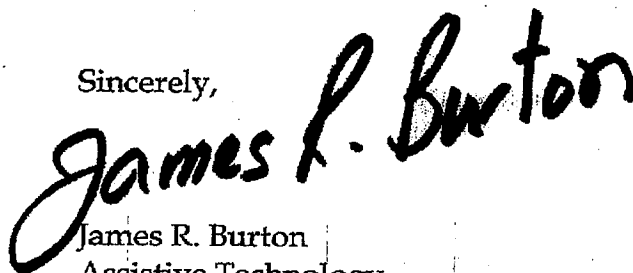
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Sincerely,



James R. Burton
Assistive Technology
Sub-Committee Chairperson
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This letter is to express strong support for HB 89, changing the name of the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities to the State Vocational Rehabilitation Committee. Since this committee provides oversight of Vocational Rehabilitation, the name will clearly align it with the State of Alaska, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The name change will also reduce the ongoing confusion between this committee and the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education.

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Sincerely,

Karla Jutzi
Executive Director

